

Cluster of Rhinovirus cases at Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay (DKCH) made the following announcement today (September 21):

Nine patients (seven male and two female, aged 19 months to 31 years) in a ward presented with fever, running nose and diarrhoea since September 1. Seven patients were confirmed with Rhinovirus infection. All patients are under isolation and in a stable condition.

Infection control measures of the ward have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance. The cases have been reported to Hospital Authority Head Office and Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.